

Lorna Lockwood

Discussion Points:

In *Stone v. Arizona Highway Commissioner*: construction contractor failed to properly post warnings of dangerous road condition ahead, resulting in a fatal accident. Defendants were exempt under the doctrine of governmental immunity from tort liability. Lockwood's judicial opinion "We are of the opinion that when the reason for a certain rule no longer exists, the rule itself should be abandoned." When a rule becomes "unjust or outmoded" it does not "become with age invulnerable to judicial attack."

- Interspersed in her legal and public service careers Judge Lockwood dedicated years of work in many civic and professional organizations. How do you feel this shaped her opinions on the bench? What benefit do you think public services have to those who perform them?
- One of judge Lockwood's enduring qualities was said to be that of patience. Do you feel this is a necessary quality for today's judicial staff? What other qualities of hers do you feel made a significant impression on how the public views the judicial branch? Views women in the judicial branch? Do you feel her work continues to impress today?
- Justice Lockwood's philosophy on the juvenile court system was that the court "has a two-fold purpose – to protect human rights and to enforce human responsibility." How would you interpret this statement today?